

(c) to (e) In the aforesaid period, Railways have sanctioned doubling of Korba-Gevra Road section (now in Chhattishgarh) in 1998-99 at a cost of Rs. 33 Crores. Outlay expected on this work to the end of 2000-01 is Rs. 19.1222 Crores and Outlay proposed for 2001-02 is Rs. 12 Crores. Work from Gevra to Kusumunda (3 Kms.) is expected to be completed in December 2001.

Railways have also sanctioned the construction of a new line from Ramganj Mandi to Bhopal at a cost of Rs. 425 Crores in 2000-01 Budget. The Expected Outlay on this work to the end of 2000-01 is Rs. 5 Lakhs. An outlay of Rs. 5 Crores has been proposed for this work in 2001-02. Final Location Survey for the work is being taken up. The work is being progressed as per availability of resources.

Railway Line from New Moynaguri to Jogighopa

3140. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has decided finally to build the alternate rail line from New Moynaguri to Jogighopa *via* Dhulini, Bilasipar, to cater to the need of insurgency torn Assam; and

(b) if so, the time frame to complete it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes Sir. However, the new line from New Moynaguri to Jogighopa will be *via* Dhubri and Bilasipara.

(b) No target date has been fixed.

Revision cases of Railway pensioners

3141. SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA:
SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether revision of cases of pre-1986 Railway pensioners of Ferozpur Division, including ASMs retired in 1980, have been pending since 1998;

(b) if so, the number of such cases;

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(c) whether it is a fact that files of pensioners are being tampered with by Railway officials of that Division;

(d) if so, the action taken by Government in the matter; and

(e) by when these cases would be disposed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a), (b) and (e) No, Sir. However, seven applications freshly received on 8-3-2001 have been processed for audit and payment.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Retrenchment of Railway employees

†3142. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway employees/officers who were working by the end of year 2000 and how many of them were in railway operations, stating the nature of other works and the number of employees/officers engaged thereon;

(b) whether Government have decided to undertake large scale retrenchment of railway employees; if so, the number of employees likely to be retrenched from the railway operations and other departments; and

(c) the likely impact of retrenchment move on the railway operations and in what manner Government would ensure smooth functioning of rail services in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.